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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Masayoshi ESASHI et al.**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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September 10, 2010

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2010, and having a response due date set for September 10, 2010. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.